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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Title as follows:

**A METHOD OF DETECTING GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR-7 (GDF-7) USING
GDF-7 ANTIBODIES**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The present invention provides methods of using antibodies that bind to the growth differentiation factor-7 to identify GDF-7 in a sample.

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claim 14 as shown in the listing of the claims.

Claims 16-18 were previously withdrawn.

Claims 22-42 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

14. (Currently amended) A method of detecting ~~a cell-proliferative disorder~~ Growth Differentiation Factor-7 (GDF-7) in a sample comprising:

contacting the sample with a substantially pure antibody, or an antigen binding fragment thereof, that specifically binds to a ~~Growth Differentiation Factor-7 (GDF-7)~~ polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 6, ~~or a fragment thereof, with a specimen of a subject suspected of having a GDF-7 associated disorder~~ and

detecting the binding of the GDF-7 antibody, thereby detecting GDF-7 in the sample.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the cell is a neural cell.